

### Remarks

Claims 1, 3-9, 11-17, and 19-20 are pending in the application and the same are rejected. Claims 1, 3-9, 11-17, and 19-20 remain in the application and are presented for review and further consideration by the Examiner.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3-9, 11-17, and 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Savitzky et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,012,083 and Cavill, U.S. Patent No. 6,003,069 and Nethery, U.S. Patent No. 6,070,798. (Examiner's Action, page 2, ¶ 2).

Applicants respectfully disagree.

The Examiner has stated that the combination of Savitsky and Cavill do not teach the step of "copying the original receipt for the document to the print job agent and updating the copy of the receipt to indicate the at least one page of the document was printed." (Examiner's Action 02/26/2003, page 3). Since these are elements recited in Applicants' claims, it appears then that the Examiner is citing Nethery for this teaching.

Nethery discloses purchase transaction information being requested and received by a seller's computer which stores the transaction information. A purchase order is generated by the seller's computer and transmitted to a customer. The customer is then to print out the purchase order and send it along with payment to the seller. After receiving the purchase order with the payment, the seller retrieves the transaction information from the seller's computer and confirms that payment was made for the transaction. The Examiner appears to be equating the receipt with the purchase order.

Nethery does not disclose copying an original receipt for a document to a print job agent. Nethery does not disclose copying any receipt, or purchase order, to a print job agent. Nethery instead discloses transmitting a purchase order to a customer computer. The customer computer is not a print job agent in the meaning of Applicants' claims as, according to Applicants' claims, the print job agent receives at least at least one page of the document from the server in addition to the copy of the receipt. The customer computer in Nethery does not receiver at least at least one page of the document from the server in addition to the copy of the receipt, or purchase order.

Furthermore, Nethery does not disclose updating the copy of the receipt to indicate the at least one page of the document was printed. The Examiner appears to be equating the copy of the receipt with the purchase order on the customer's computer.

Nethery does not at all disclose updating the copy of the purchase order on the customer's computer for any purpose, and in particular not to indicate a document was printed. Additionally, Nethery does not disclose updating any copy of any purchase order or receipt to indicate a document was printed.

In contrast, Applicants' independent claims 1, 9, and 17 include the wording "copying the original receipt to the print job agent" and "updating the copy of the receipt to indicate the at least one page of the document was printed."

In view of Applicants' arguments with respect to independent claims 1, 9, and 17 being allowable, Applicants respectfully submit that the remaining dependent claims are also allowable because they contain all of the limitations of their respective independent claims and further add structural and functional limitations.

The foregoing arguments are believed to be a complete response to the most recent Examiner's Action.

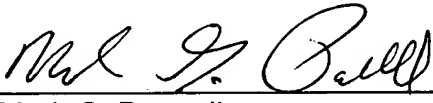
No new matter has been added.

It is respectfully submitted that there is no claim, teaching, motivation, or suggestion in any of the cited art, alone or in combination, to produce what Applicants claim.

It is further submitted that the application as amended defines patentable subject matter and that the claims are in a condition for allowance. Such allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

Should any issues remain which would preclude the prompt disposition of this case, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned practitioner by telephone.

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